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H: PASS CONGRESSMAN JOHN FLYNT

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E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CPRS, MX (HILL AIRCRAFT AND LEASING)

SUBJECT: CONFISCATED AIRCRAFT, N-5222S, PIPER CHEROKEE

REF: MONTERREY 0133; MEXICO 9805; STATE 034684

1. CONSULAR OFFICER DISCUSSED MATTER WITH MEXICAN CUSTOMS OFFICIALS 2/10/76 AND LEARNED THAT HILL AIRCRAFT HAS BECOME PROPERTY OF THE STATE AS RESULT "ADMINISTRATIVE INDICTMENT TRIAL." PILOT VIOLATED LAW OF GENERAL MEANS OF COMMUNICATION BY ENTERING MEXICO WITHOUT PROPER DOCUMENTATION. ACCORDING ARTICLE 40 MEXICAN PENAL CODE AIRCRAFT MAY BE CONFISCATED IF OWNER WAS INVOLVED IN CRIME. IT WOULD APPEAR TO EMBASSY THAT AIRPLANE CANNOT LAWFULLY BECOME PROPERTY OF MEXICAN GOVERNMENT UNTIL AFTER DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE AS TO WHETHER OWNER HAD GUILTY KNOWLEDGE.

2. CONSULAR OFFICER INFORMED OFFICIAL THAT THE PILOT AT TIME CRAFT SEIZED WAS NOT THE OWNER OF THE AIRCRAFT AND FURTHER THAT THE PILOT NOW IN PRISON IN THE U.S. FOR THEFT BY CONVERSION, AS EVIDENCED BY COPY OF COURT ACTION, WHICH WAS SUPPLIED EMBASSY BY DEPT. 11/17/75.

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3.CUSTOMS OFFICIAL STATED THAT HILL MAY RECOVER AIRCRAFT  
THRU CONVENTION. HILL AND HIS ATTORNEY, LIC. RABASA,  
WERE INFORMED OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MONTHS AGO AND  
EMBASSY HAS YET TO RECEIVE DOCUMENTS.

4. FOR OWNER'S INFO, HIS ATTORNEY, LIC. RABASA, HAS  
SHOWN VERY LITTLE INTEREST IN HIS CASE. IT IS  
SUGGESTED THAT DOCUMENTS BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO  
EMBASSY BY OWNER ASAP.  
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